

ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION 11

Faced with *real problems* – budget deficits, rising gas prices and a shaky economy – what do the politicians bring us? Prop. 11 – another nonsensical scheme to change how we draw lines between one district and another. *What are they thinking?*

Redistricting may not mean much to you, but for some politicians, it's all they care about. Five times, they've spent millions on lawyers, consultants and paid signature gatherers to put a new scheme on the ballot. *Every time, voters said "NO."*

The forces behind Prop. 11 don't respect California's voters, so they're back again.

What do they REALLY want? *Power for themselves, at your expense.* They know redistricting is about power. They want to rewrite our Constitution to suit themselves.

PROP. 11 UNDERMINES DEMOCRACY

Prop. 11 gives the final say for the entire state to a 14-member "redistricting commission" never elected by the people. *You don't get a choice.* There's no guarantee they'll represent you or your neighbors. That's why community organizations oppose Prop. 11.

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Prop. 11 sets aside 10 of the 14 commission seats for *partisan members* of the two biggest political parties – and gives them *veto power over almost every decision*. If the big party representatives don't go along – *nothing gets done*.

What does that mean? Political insiders will keep carving up the state to serve their own interests.

PROP. 11 GIVES POWER TO BUREAUCRATS

Prop. 11 doesn't keep politicians out of redistricting – it just lets them hide behind a tangled web of bureaucrats picked for their political ties. It actually *takes state auditors off the job of rooting out government waste* to spend time screening commission applications.

Who picks the commission? Bureaucrats. They decide who's qualified. And then the four most powerful legislators can reject anyone they want. *That's reform?*

PROP. 11 MEANS TWO BUREAUCRACIES INSTEAD OF ONE

Prop. 11 only gives this new commission *half the job*. It leaves the other half – drawing Congressional districts – to the state Legislature.

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So Prop. 11 means *paying for two of everything*: two sets of attorneys, two teams of consultants, working out of two different offices – with neither one working together or sharing resources.

PROP. 11 PROVIDES NO ACCOUNTABILITY TO TAXPAYERS

Prop. 11 guarantees each commission member \$300 a day, plus expenses, with *no limit*. There's also *no limit* on how many attorneys, consultants and staff the commission hires, or how much it spends for offices, hearings and outreach. *And there's nothing requiring auditors to examine the commission's spending for waste and abuse.*

PROP. 11 AN EMPTY PROMISE

Read it yourself. It makes big promises, but *never delivers*. Voters get no say over who draws districts. Instead, we get *a new bureaucracy with no accountability and no spending limits*.

Prop. 11 really means a lot of political insiders *keep* their power – a few get *even more* – and *the rest of us get less*.

That's not reform – that's a hidden agenda that does nothing to address the real problems facing our state. Visit www.noonprop11.org – and vote NO!

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